GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that many of the schools in the country are not having drinking water and sanitation facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has any plan to provide these facilities in the schools in near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the share of the Centre and the State Governments for the same; and

(e) the time by which these schools are likely to be provided the above facilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (e) Drinking Water and Sanitation are State subjects and as such State Governments are primarily responsible to provide drinking water and sanitation to the rural habitations. To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this direction, financial assistance and technical support is rendered to the State Governments through Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM). State Governments are, however, competent to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply schemes for the coverage of rural habitations and schools from funds provided under ARWSP and CRSP.

The State-wise number of schools not having drinking water facilities as on 1.4.2006 as per the information furnished by States is given at Annexure I.

The State Governments are required to utilize funds provided under ARWSP to cover drinking water in rural schools also. However, during this year based on drinking water proposals received from 13 States/UTs, the Department has released Rs.22839.40 lakh for coverage of 114197 schools so far. In respect of sanitation, as per proposals received from the states, 913847 school toilets have been sanctioned. Out of which 323795 school toilets have been constructed. As per norm of TSC, two units of toilets is constructed in each school having co-education facility.

The share of Central Government for providing drinking water facilities in a school is limited to 50% of the cost subject to a ceiling of Rs.20,000/-. As regards, providing toilets in schools the ratio is 70:30 between Central and State Governments. The implementation of the schemes is with the State Governments/UTs.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 671 for reply on 02.03.2007 Status of Rural Schools

S. No.	States	No. of Schools without drinking water facilities as on 1.4.2005	No. of Schools covered during 2005-06 # 1.4.2006	No. of Schools without drinking water facilities 2006-07 (By end) # January 2007	No. of Schools covered during
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	23618	1391	22227	573
2	ARUNACHAL. PRADESH	2086	347	1739	147
3	ASSAM	12360	1838	10522	41
4	BIHAR	6245	350	5895	111
5	CHHATTISGARH	5565	3996	1569	2394
6	GOA	394	0	394	
7	GUJARAT	6004	2099	3905	615
8	HARYANA	0	917	0	2510
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3436	2476	960	0

10	J & K	9932	3501	6431	
11	JHARKHAND	4191	541	3650	
12	KARNATAKA	23683	7015	16668	8667
13	KERALA	1408	114	1294	214
14	MADHYA PRADESH	23998	12421	11577	3083
15	MAHARASHTRA	10050	5154	4896	1172
16	MANIPUR	1470	0	1470	
17	MEGHALAYA	2600	650	1950	57
18	MIZORAM	2211	685	1526	1185
19	NAGALAND	1035	36	999	9
20	ORISSA	7910	9476	0	2018
21	PUNJAB	2536	293	2243	54
22	RAJASTHAN	21691	8736	12955	8002
23	SIKKIM	353	51	302	0
24	TAMILNADU	0	5	0	2570
25	TRIPURA	366	276	90	72
26	UTTAR PRADESH	10562	4738	5824	5824
27	UTTARANCHAL	9131	2361	6770	858
28	WEST BENGAL	9086	2970	6116	325
29	A&N ISLANDS	30	12	18	
30	D&N HAVELI	8	14	0	
31	DAMAN & DIU	0	1	0	
32	DELHI	0	0		
33	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0		
34	PONDICHERRY	0	0		
35	CHANDIGARH	0	0		
TOTAL		201959	72464	131990	40501

Source: MPR